

Preliminary Assessment Report

Project 3014287, 601 WESTLAKE AVE N

Assessment Completed: 11/6/2012

Project Description: Early Design Guidance for a 6 story commercial building

Primary Applicant: [Jodi Patterson O'hare](#)

This report lists the results of a preliminary assessment of your project requirements by various city departments. It's based on the project characteristics described on your site plan and preliminary application form. If your project required a pre-application site visit (PASV), the results of that site visit are also included. The goal of this report is to help you create a complete submittal package and reduce the need for corrections once your application has been submitted.

Next Steps

1. Review the requirements in this report and contact the staff members listed below with questions.
2. If a street improvement plan is required, develop and submit it to the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT). **The Department of Planning and Development (DPD) will not accept your permit application until your street improvement plan is approved as 60% complete by SDOT. See [SDOT Client Assistance Memo 2213](#) for guidance about the 60% complete approval process.**
3. Schedule an appointment for permit application intake with DPD. **Please bring a copy of this report to your intake appointment.**

Questions About This Report

If you have questions about the information in this report, contact the appropriate city staff member for each section.

DPD Drainage Requirements

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DPD Land Use Requirements

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Seattle Public Utilities Requirements

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Other Resources

- General questions about the permit process: Contact the DPD Applicant Services Center (ASC) at 206-684-8850.

- Overview of the permit application process: [5 Steps for a Successful DPD Application Submittal](#).
- User-friendly guides to city permitting processes: [DPD](#) and [SDOT](#) Client Assistance Memos.
- [Detailed zoning information](#).
- [DPD's Checklists & Standards](#), designed to help you make sure your permit application is complete and ready for review.

Requirements

DPD Drainage Requirements

The following requirements are based on the current stormwater and side sewer codes.

Existing Public Drainage Infrastructure

Combined sewer main location: Westlake Ave N

Combined sewer main size: 12-inches

Drainage

The drainage point of discharge (SMC 22.805.020) is located at: Combined sewer.

Flow Control Compliance

All new, replaced, and disturbed topsoil shall be amended with organic matter per rules promulgated by the Director prior to completion of the project to improve onsite management of drainage water flow and water quality per SMC 22.805.020.E.

A completed Construction Stormwater Control and Soil Amendment Standard Plan is required and available at the following link: <http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/Codes/StormwaterCode/Forms/default.asp>

For projects with 5,000 square feet or more of new plus replaced impervious surface, a comprehensive drainage control plan and construction stormwater control plan shall be prepared by a licensed engineer.

Parcel-based projects with 7,000 square feet or more of land disturbing activity or 2,000 square feet or more of new plus replaced impervious surface must implement green stormwater infrastructure (bioretention cells, green roofs, permeable pavement, rainwater harvesting, etc.) to infiltrate, disperse, and retain drainage water onsite to the maximum extent feasible without causing flooding, landslide, or erosion impacts per SMC 22.805.020.F. Flow control standards must be first met by utilizing green stormwater infrastructure to the maximum extent feasible. Additional flow control measures shall be installed if the flow control standard cannot be met solely using green stormwater infrastructure. Refer to Director's Rule 17-2009 - Stormwater Manual Vol. III - Stormwater Flow Control and Water Quality. Submit a GSI Calculator along with additional flow control documentation. Refer to the following for more information:

<http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/Codes/StormwaterCode/Overview/default.asp>

This project site discharges to a Public Combined Sewer (SMC 805.050.A.5). Based upon the information provided on the Preliminary Application Form pertaining to land disturbing activity, and existing and proposed impervious surfacing this project shall: provide flow control meeting the Peak Flow Control Standard per SMC 22.805.080.B.4. The post-development peak flow with a 4% annual probability (25-year recurrence flow) shall not exceed 0.4 cubic feet per second per acre. Additionally, the peak flow with a 50% annual probability (2-year recurrence flow) shall not exceed 0.15 cubic feet per second per acre. Projects with less than 10,000 sf new plus replaced impervious surface can use Table 4.7 - Pre-Sized Flow Control Worksheet in lieu of continuous modeling.

Water Quality

This project site discharges to a water body that requires basic treatment (SMC 22.805.050 B). Based upon the information provided on the Preliminary Application Form pertaining to existing and proposed impervious surfacing this project shall: provide a basic treatment facility that treats the required runoff volume or flow rate from pollution generating surfaces (SMC 22.805.090 B1, B2).

Wastewater

All homeowners and building owners in King County's service area whose home or building was newly connected to the King County sewer system on or after Feb. 1, 1990 must pay a King County Capacity Charge. Further information is available online at:

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/environment/wastewater/capacitycharge.aspx>

Permanent and Temporary Dewatering

The footing drain (if part of building plan) point of discharge (DPD DR 4-2011) is located at the following: Combined system.

Projects which propose to permanently discharge groundwater shall comply with Minimum Requirements for Discharges to a Capacity-constrained System, SMC Section 22.805.050.A.6 and SMC Section 22.805.060.A.6. See DPD Director's Rule 13-2010 for more information. Bottom slab elevation may be below water table.

Side Sewer

The existing side sewer for a new or converted building or dwelling unit may be reused pursuant to SMC 21.16.240. In order to reuse an existing side sewer, the [Side Sewer Evaluation and Certification Form](#) must be completed by a licensed engineer.

DPD Land Use Code Requirements

Street Requirements

Based on the scope of the proposed project, the following street improvements are required per Chapter 23.53 of the Seattle Municipal Code. Please review Right-of-Way Improvements Manual for design criteria (<http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/rowmanual/manual/>). Show required street improvements on your "enhanced site plan" at DPD permit application intake. If an SDOT Street Improvement Plan (SIP) is required, please list SDOT project number and SDOT contact name on the enhanced site plan. Street Improvement Plans must be accepted by SDOT prior to DPD permit application intake.

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Land Use

Based on the project scope and/or location of environmentally critical areas on the development site, SEPA may be required. See CAM 208 for more details.

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Design Review is required; see CAM 238 for more details. Departures from development standards should be identified as early as possible in the application process.

The preliminary scope identifies modification or demolition of a designated historic landmark and/or is located in a landmark district. Application for a certificate of approval from the Department of Neighborhoods is required before submittal of an application. See CAM 3000 for more details.

Seattle City Light Requirements

Street/Alley Requirements

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Your project is located in a Seattle City Light Network area. Based on our assessment of the size of your project, you may need transformers on your private property for power service to your building. This can be done with vaults inside the building or below grade vaults exterior to the building. Include these facilities for your project power needs in your building plans. SCL has access, clearance, size and location requirements for vaults or pads. Some transformers require long lead times to obtain. Contact SCL well in advance to provide electrical service size and voltage details.

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Underground electrical facilities/conductors require separation from other utilities. Review SCL Construction Guideline U2-10/NDK-50, Electrical Conduit and Facilities in the Public Rights of Way (<http://www.seattle.gov/Light/engstd/>). Before digging, contact the Utilities Underground Location Center ("one-call") at (800) 424-5555 two business days in advance to locate and mark underground utilities, per state law (RCW 19.122). There are underground high voltage lines and electrical facilities along Mercer St.

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10' Clearance from Structures: 10-ft horizontal clearance required between power lines and permanent structures. Review DPD CAM 122, Electric Utility Clearance Requirements, and SCL Construction Guideline D2-3 (<http://www.seattle.gov/Light/engstd/Docs/ConStd/d23.pdf>). Transmission lines require greater clearance. Changes to SCL's system to meet clearances are done at the project's expense. There are overhead high voltage lines along 9th Ave N.

Working Clearance: State law requires construction workers, their tools, machinery, equipment, and materials to maintain a 10-foot clearance from power lines. Review WAC 296-24-960 and OSHA 1910.333(c)(3)(i). Transmission lines require greater clearance. To work near power lines, notify SCL well in advance to de-energize and ground the lines, or relocate the lines temporarily. This SCL work is done at the project's expense. There are overhead high voltage lines along 9th Ave N.

An SCL engineer will require scaled building elevation drawings to determine clearances. Please submit an extra set of plans at DPD intake.

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Conservation

Energy Smart Services. Seattle City Light offers energy conservation grants for large new construction projects designed to exceed the energy efficiency requirements of the Seattle Energy Code. Contact Seattle City Light early in the design process to receive free energy analyses and funding estimates by utility staff, and funding for whole-building energy analysis by private sector consultants. The program is win-win. Tenants and buyers are attracted by reduced operating costs, while the project developers benefit from additional LEED points and grants to help offset increases in construction costs. The utility meets load growth through an investment that is less expensive than building new generating facilities. Designers are better able to promote the economics of cutting edge designs. Call (206) 684-3254 today to take advantage of this opportunity.

Notes to Applicant

For new service, an Application for Electrical Service must be submitted to Seattle City Light. Please contact the Electrical Service Engineer for your area several months before new service is required to determine your electric service design, service location and what kind of service is available at the building site. The Electrical Service Representative should also be contacted to coordinate electrical details for temporary power during construction. Your Electrical Service Engineer is: Gerard Legall, 206-233-2172, gerard.legall@seattle.gov. Be advised that it is the applicant's responsibility to seek guidance from SCL. Failure to contact SCL at your earliest convenience could severely impact your project's scope, schedule and budget. This responsibility rests solely with the applicant.

SDOT Requirements

The City of Seattle's Right-of-Way Improvements Manual (ROWIM) and SDOT's Street & Sidewalk Pavement Opening and Restoration (PORR) Director's Rule 2004-02 may be accessed from SDOT's Street Use website at: http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/stuse_docs.htm. Whenever possible, specific reference notation for these two design documents is noted next to the design characteristics below. Be advised that these specific section and chapter references are provided as preliminary guidance only and are not comprehensive in scope.

SDOT Permitting Information

Initial Review Deposit: To be determined

SDOT Plan Requirements: Plan

SDOT Permit Requirements: Group 2: Over-the-Counter. Obtain from SDOT concurrently with building permit.

Based on the scope of your project and the proximity to the lot line a SIP may be triggered by the extent of construction impacts to existing street, sidewalk or alley improvements. If more than 2,000 sf of impervious surface in the right of way will be replaced a SIP will be required.

Street Improvement Requirements

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SPU Requirements

Drainage and Wastewater Requirements

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Other Requirements

Owners of residential property occupied by a tenant who will be displaced by housing demolition, substantial rehabilitation, change of use, or removal of use restrictions may need to obtain a Tenant Relocation License. Refer to DPD CAM 123, Seattle's Tenant Relocation Assistance Ordinance, for further information and instructions or call (206) 684-7979.

If your project involves additions or modification to or demolition of an existing building that contains four or more dwelling units or 4,000 square feet or more of non-residential area, and the building is a designated historic landmark or is 50 years old and meets the criteria set forth in SMC 25.12 for landmark designation, SEPA is required. Please contact the Department of Neighborhoods at (206) 684-0228 or

www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/preservation to determine if your building is a designated landmark or if a referral is necessary to determine if the building meets the criteria in SMC 25.12. Refer to CAM 208 for information regarding the application requirements for a SEPA review and CAM 3000 for information regarding landmarks and historic preservation.

If the scope of your proposed project changes before your DPD intake appointment or SDOT street improvement plan application, the requirements in this report may change. If there are municipal code and ordinance changes before our DPD intake appointment, the project must meet the new code requirements. Additional street improvement requirements may be triggered if a permit application for a development project on adjacent property is also undergoing review.

Please be aware that all persons or companies working within the City limits, including all contractors, subcontractors, permit expeditors and other service providers are required to possess a valid City of Seattle business license. This license is required in addition to any other licenses required by the State of Washington, such as a contractors' license or state business license. For more information about City of Seattle business licenses, please contact inspector Michale Crooks at 206-684-8871, Michale.Crooks@seattle.gov, or visit the [Licensing and Tax Administration Division website](#).